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Did You Know?

Upcoming Events

Colleagues,

It was great to end the academic year at commencement on Friday, April 28 and to celebrate the achievements of our students. My thanks to those of you who were able to join in celebrating the students. I was pleased to see the representation from our college faculty and staff when I looked either to the right or the left of the stage. This is only one of the many ways you show up for your students to reinforce our commitment to them and to their success.

I am told that we had a total of 587 student participants at the ceremony, 201 graduate students and 386 undergraduate students.



As the academic year ends, I hope you find the time to refresh and rejuvenate during your summer pursuits. I know many of our faculty will still be around teaching, working on your scholarship efforts and even engaging in service to the college and university. This will be the first foray into Blackboard Ultra for many of those teaching this summer. We hope the experience goes well and we look forward to hearing your thoughts on how the move to Ultra benefits students and faculty alike.

In the Dean's Office, we will be putting things in place for engaging our strategic planning efforts this fall, working on ways to onboard and support our new faculty colleagues who will join us in the fall as well as explore further administrative efficiencies that support our unit heads and program directors.

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Celebrations

Outstanding Internship Advocate of the Year

During this year's GVSU Career Center Internship Awards Celebration, Laura Marsh was recognized as the Outstanding Internship Advocate of the Year! This award honors an internship coordinator who has a strong commitment to helping students explore experiential learning opportunities. They stress the importance of hands-on experience and assist students in making connections between the classroom and work setting.



Laura is the internship coordinator for Criminal Justice and Legal Studies. She brings a great deal of professional expertise and connections to her position and is being recognized for her ability to go above and beyond to find the right placement for each of her students. She is truly an advocate in making meaningful connections between her students and the world of work. Her students admire and appreciate her knowledge and support. Thank you, Laura, for what you bring to your position and your students!

MPA Grad Student takes 1st Place

Maddison Reilly and her team took first place at Ohio State University during the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) Regional Conference and third place overall during the Super Global Judge Round! This is an amazing achievement!



The 2023 NASPAA Simulation Competition brings together graduate students from all over the world to experience a unique and educational challenge in which they take on the roles of key decision-makers responsible for solving a real public service challenge. All this happens in a controlled, simulated scenario so that students can practice dealing with these pressures before being faced with them in their careers.

Thank you for representing our MPA program so well at this event, Maddison!

The Graduate School Faculty and Student Awards

The Graduate School honors individuals who have distinguished themselves in graduate education at GVSU. These awards recognize excellence in academic performance and the many accomplishments these graduate students and faculty have achieved. Well done!

Check out the [Winter 2023 Program](#) and [photo gallery](#)."

OUTSTANDING MENTOR AWARD

Paul Bylsma, Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling

Tonisha Jones, School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies"

An **Outstanding Mentor** encourages the development of individual talent through advising graduate level research and promoting professional development opportunities beyond the

classroom, assists in promoting successful transition from graduate studies to employment, sponsors students and their work in and beyond the campus community, acts as an advocate and leader in administrative and professional matters, and demonstrates respect and a sincere and active interest in the well-being of students."

OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

Judy Williams, Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling
Emily Nichols, School of Social Work"

This **Outstanding Teaching Award** is given to a faculty member who exhibits exemplary teaching contributes to graduate student development by using thoughtful and creative methods of instruction, maintains a level of academic rigor commensurate with graduate education, assists in deeply understanding course content, engages students in a dynamic and inclusive manner, and demonstrates respect and a sincere and active interest in the educational development of students."

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE DEGREE PROGRAM

Lyndsey Bense, Literacy Studies
Elizabeth Clark, Higher Education
Alyssa Klein, School Counseling
Andrea Mehall, Educational Specialist in Leadership
Alexandra Patterson, Health Administration
Abena Pinamang, Criminal Justice
Hannah Rethamel, Public Administration
Malik Robinson, Social Work

OUTSTANDING FINAL PROJECT

Breanna Carter, Social Work

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OR PROFESSION

Kingsley Njoku, Criminal Justice
D'Angelo Starks, Social Work
Michael Sullivan, Public Administration

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO GVSU

Rachel Dobben, School Counseling
Alina Foreman, Health Administration
Brian Hedberg, Public Administration
Elizabeth Johnson, Social Work

EXCELLENCE IN PROMOTING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT GVSU

Donald Avery, Public Administration

Finn Marcks, Social Work

EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY

Katelyn Fauska, Social Work

Excellence-in-a-Discipline Award

We are happy to share another Excellence-in-a-Discipline Award recipient in this month's newsletter. This award honors one student from each undergraduate and graduate discipline. Faculty from each department select the recipient based upon an earned minimum number of credit hours at an exceptional grade point average, along with other criteria identified by each unit as appropriate for use in determining academic excellence in their program.

Bridget Radzicki, Hospitality and Tourism Management

"Five Star" Designation for the LIFT Evaluation in Winter 2023

Priscilla Kimboko (SCLD) earned "five stars" for PNH 630.01 - Health Admin & Services. This was the only 3+ credit lecture/discussion course with a high score in both satisfaction and challenge, and with a response rate over 50% and enrollment at or over 10 for a graduate course or 15 for an undergraduate course.



Recognitions

Faculty/Staff, Alumni, and Students

Kyle Holst (HTM '12) was recognized as the 2023 Joe Tomaselli Hotelier of the Year. Kyle is the general manager of Canopy by Hilton Grand Rapids Downtown and is one of the growing list of tourism leaders to receive this distinguished award.

Iryna Bilan (MPA '18) has returned to live and work in Kyiv, Ukraine after the Russian invasion began in February 2022. Bilan is the grants and donor relations manager for Mystetskyi Arsenal, Ukraine's flagship art and cultural center. She also volunteers her time to support the Territorial Defense Forces, Ukraine's civilian reservists. [Read full GVNext article.](#)

Noel Green (PNA '14) is an [Obama Scholar](#). He graduated from GVSU with a bachelor's degree in public and nonprofit administration. He is in his final year pursuing a master's degree in clinical social work from the University of Chicago's Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice. Here's a photo posted on President Obama's Instagram of him with all the Obama Scholars. Noel is pictured second from the left in the front row.



Grant Recipients



Five CECI Faculty Members Attend National Conference

Five CECI faculty members received grants to attend the Faculty Women of Color in the Academy Conference at Virginia Tech in late April in Arlington, Virginia. The Grand Valley cohort was sponsored by the Pew Faculty Teaching & Learning Center at Grand Valley State University, Division of Inclusion and Equity, and Office of the President.

Attendees were: Dianne Green-Smith, professor of Social Work; Wei Gu, associate professor of Teaching and Learning; Lihua Huang, associate professor of Social Work; Paola Leon, associate professor of Social Work; and Rui Niu-Cooper, associate professor of Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology.

The 11th annual conference offered a unique educational and professional opportunity for women of color to network and learn with colleagues from around the country.

Read [GV Forum article](#).

Community Engagement

Salvatore Alaimo launches new podcast

CECI has launched a new podcast, *Tilting the Earth's Praxis*. Each week, producer and host Salvatore Alaimo, associate professor in the School of Community Leadership and Development, discusses a topic that impacts civil society with a national expert and GVSU alumni. Civil society is framed on this show as "The organized systems of collective human experience, including economic exchange, political governance, and social relationships that enable people to prosper, reach their potential as productive citizens, and flourish as human beings." The first three episodes are available on [Spotify](#) and [SoundCloud](#). The episode topics are:



Tilting the Earth's Praxis

- [Museums](#)
- [Nonprofit Advocacy](#)
- [Public Relations](#)
- Prison Reform
- People with Disabilities
- Fundraising
- Libraries
- Local Government

- and more!

To sign up and receive the weekly e-newsletter announcing the latest topic and guests, click [here](#).

Teacher Appreciation Night

Education graduates, mentor teachers, and GVSU faculty, staff, and administrators came together earlier this month for the **GVSU Education Alumni and Mentor Teacher Appreciation Night**. Guests enjoyed an evening of gratitude and welcomed new teaching graduates into the GVSU Education Alumni Network. [View the full gallery of photos](#).



Governance

CECI Governance Committees

All agendas and minutes are now posted on our [website](#).

Faculty Substitutes Needed during Sabbaticals

If you are interested in substituting on a university-level committee, please contact Karyn Rabourn or Elizabeth Stolle. If you are interested in substituting a college-level committee, please contact your unit head.

Fall 2023

Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin (SCCJLS) – College Personnel Committee

Leanne Kang (LEFT) – College Curriculum Committee and Pew FTLC Advisory Committee

Kelly Margot (T&L) – Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee

Cray Mulder (SSW) – College Personnel Committee

Winter 2024

Karyn Rabourn (ELC) – Executive Committee of the Senate and CECI Faculty Governance

Rui Niu-Cooper (LEFT) – College Advisory and Communication Committee

Elizabeth Stolle (LEFT) – Faculty Salary and Budget Committee and CECI Faculty Governance

Vacancies

UNIVERSITY

University Curriculum Committee

COE – 2-year term

Writing Skills Committee

COE – 3-year term

COLLEGE

Staff Executive Committee

CEP – 3-year term

SCLD – 3-year term

SSW – 1-year term

T&L – 3-year term

Strategic Planning Oversight Task Force

The College of Education and Community Innovation will conduct a strategic plan exercise in the 2023-24 academic year. The Dean is creating a Strategic Planning Oversight Task Force (SPOTF) to lay the groundwork for this exercise. The work of this committee will include:

Identify strategic issues across the college and from the university (including alignment with RH2025 and SEMP) that must be addressed in the plan. (This would not exclude other issues from being added during the development of the strategic plan.)

Allocate strategic planning tasks among the existing CECI committees and units and, if needed, to-be-created taskforces.

Create a project management plan with appropriate timelines for completion of steps and products.

Inventory basic data availability and request important data that is missing.

Draft a recommendation to the Dean on the guiding principles of CECI's strategic planning process, including principles of collaboration, specificity, assessment, leadership, and transparency.

The SPOTF will work and meet regularly over the summer. Those appointed to the committee will receive a modest stipend for their effort. The SPOTF will present its work at the Fall College Kick-Off Meeting. The role of the SPOTF, if any, in the subsequent strategic planning process will be defined in the guidelines it develops. The commitment to serve on the task force does not extend beyond this summer.

If you are interested in serving on the task force, please indicate your interest, along with any previous strategic planning experience, to cecidean@qvsu.edu by **May 31**.

Resources

[Student Support Flowchart](#)

[Organizational Chart](#)

[CECI Connections Guide](#)

[CECI Newsletter Repository](#)

[Experts Directory](#)

[Acronyms and Initialisms](#)

Graduate Showcase 2023

Our graduate students did an amazing job presenting their posters during the Graduate Showcase. View the [photo gallery](#), along with the [list of presenters and faculty advisors](#).



Student Scholars Day (SSD) celebrates scholarship, research, and creative work performed by GVSU students. Amazing posters were presented by our students. View our [photo gallery](#) and [student presenters and faculty mentors](#).



Thank you to all the faculty, staff, and students that represented CECI during the Reach Higher 2023 Showcase. Our [photo gallery](#) and [list of collaborators](#) can be seen by clicking the links.



We are excited to share photos taken by our faculty and staff during this year's April Commencement. View [photo gallery](#).



CECI Community Connections

The purpose of these podcasts is to showcase the talent within the college. It also allows us to spotlight faculty, staff, students and alumni who are engaging our community partners from a teaching, scholarship or service perspective.

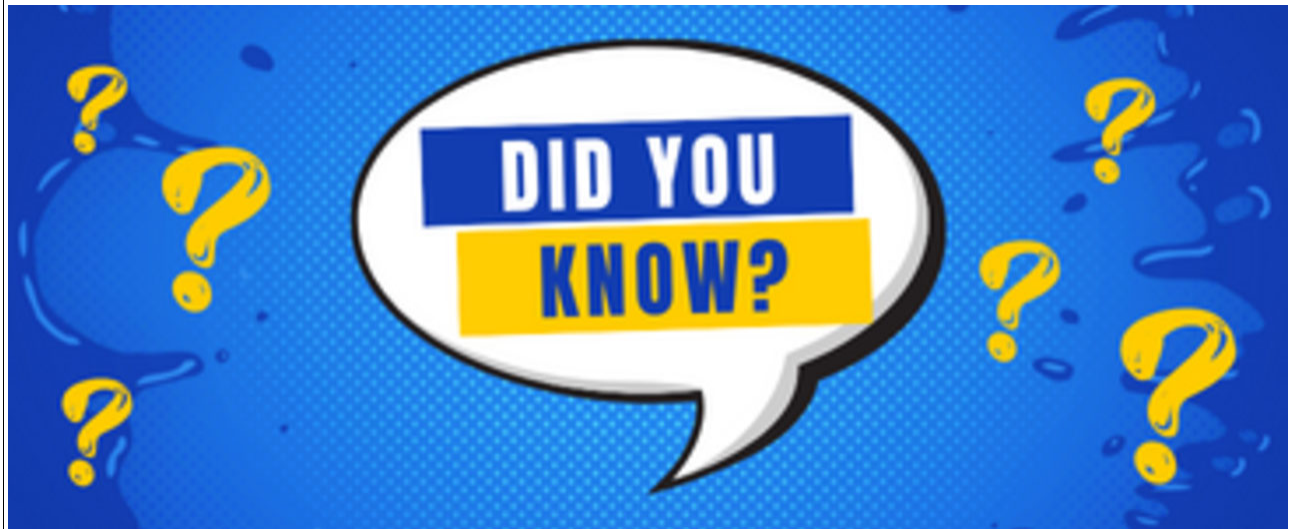
This month featured Salvatore Alaimo, associate professor in the School of Community Leadership and Development. In these podcasts that Dr. Alaimo produced and hosted, national experts and alumni of GVSU blend research, practice, policy, and real work experience to enhance our awareness, challenge conventions, and inspire critical thinking for how we can improve the human experience.

The [CECI Community Connections](#)'s 'live and in-person' radio interviews are typically scheduled on the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. on 88.5 FM Grand Rapids or 95.3 FM Muskegon

If you would like to be our guest for a future segment, please contact [Rita Cooper](#).

CECI HAPPENINGS

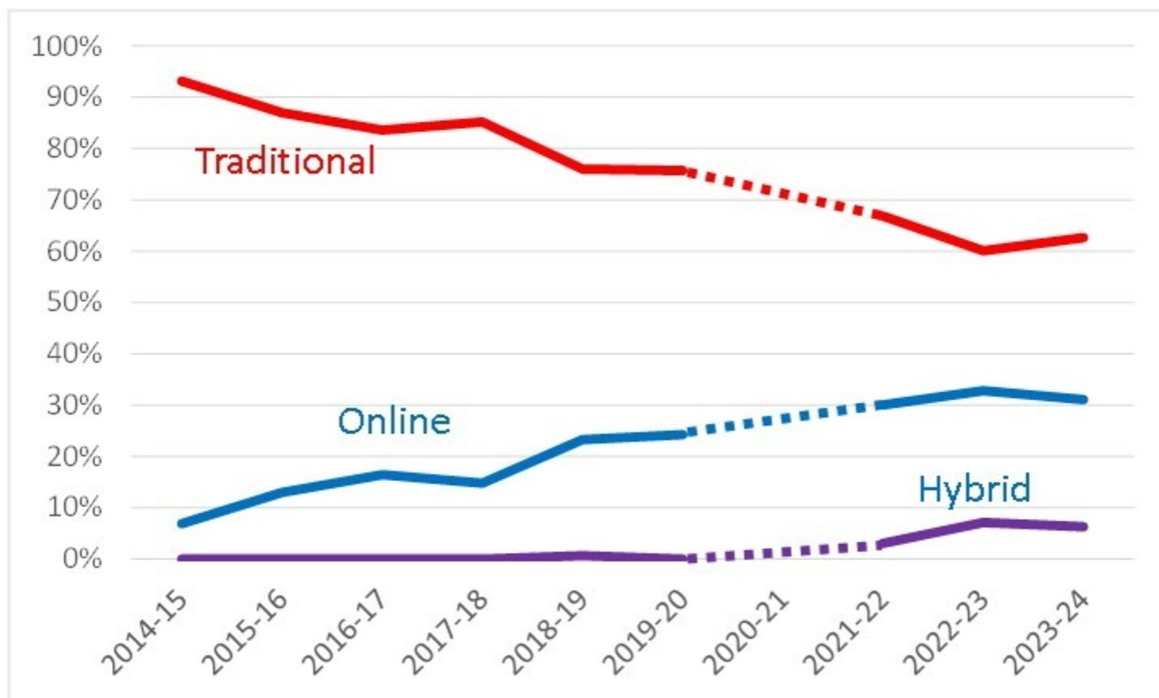
The [CECI Happenings](#) is an informational form that can submitted by any faculty, staff or student to promote an event, publication, etc.for our social platforms and newsletter.



Trends in course delivery modes, as well as percent of seats filled.

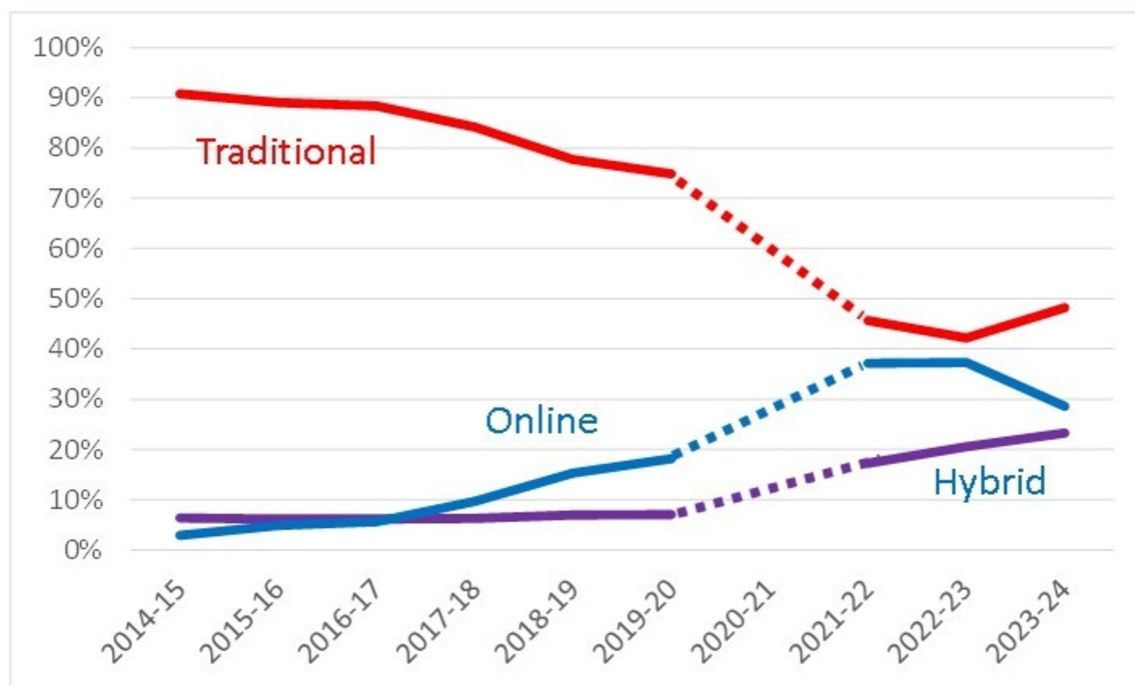
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(Lecture, Lecture/Discussion and Seminar Courses in CECI, COE, or CCPS)



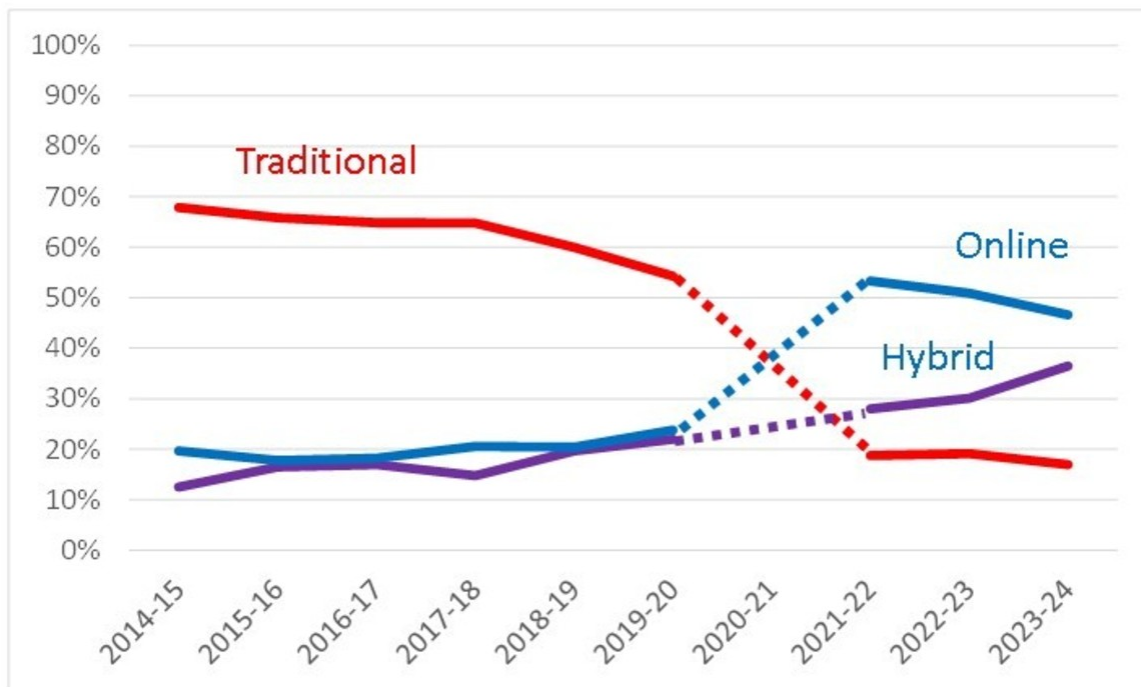
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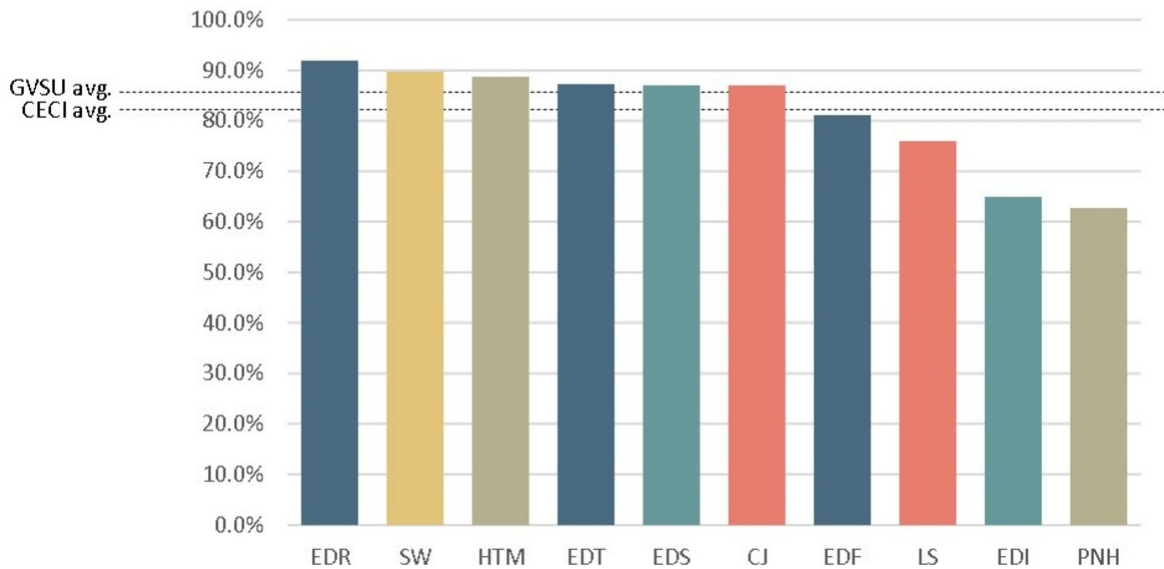


Ten-year Trend in Course Delivery Modes for **Graduate Sections** in CECI

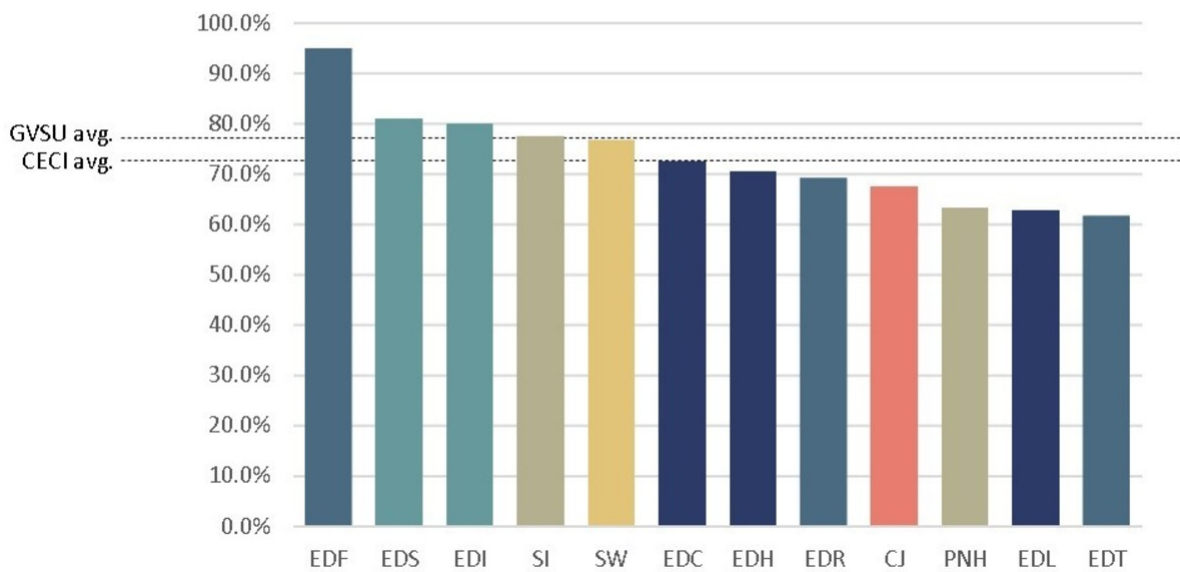
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Percent of Seats Filled in CECI **Undergraduate** Courses,
by Prefix, 2022-23
(Lecture, Lecture/Discussion and Seminar Courses)



Percent of Seats Filled in CECI **Graduate** Courses,
by Prefix, 2022-23
(Lecture, Lecture/Discussion and Seminar Courses)



Meet Rhett!

Have you seen Rhett? Where have you seen him? What is he doing? Rhett is traveling around CECI. Send a photo to Jamie at langloja@gvsu.edu if you find him.



June 15 - [Juvenile Justice 20/20](#)

August 21 - [CECI Fall Kick-off Meeting](#)

August 24 - [Convocation](#)

August 28 - Classes begin

If you have any questions or suggestions, or want to share your newsworthy information with us, please use the link below.

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